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APRIL 1978

REF : 1. JIDDA 3710 (NOTAL) AND RELATED

2. USDOC 9467 (NOTAL)

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1. ORGANIZERS OF SOLTECH '78 (THE MIDDLE EAST SOLAR TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE) WERE NOT AWARE OF PLANS OF KING ABDULAZIZ UNIVERSITY TO SPONSOR SOLAR TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM OF CURRENT PLANS AS PER REF A, I.E., FOR CONFERENCE ON APPLIED TECHNOLOGY FOR JANUARY 1978.

2. ORGANIZERS HERE, ARABIAN EXHIBITION MANAGEMENT (A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN LOCAL ARABCONSULT AND UK EXHIBITION FIRM), WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMUNICATING WITH ORGANIZER OF KING ABDULAZIZ UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE. IF JIDDA COULD SUPPLY US WITH HIS NAME AND TELEPHONE/TELEX IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ORGANIZERS HAVE TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO INVITE DR. A. SAYIGH OF RIYADH UNIVERSITY TO SPEAK AT THE CONFERENCE.

3. AS PER OUR EARLIER MESSAGES ON THE SOLTECH 78 CONFERENCE, WRITTEN LETTERS OF SUPPORT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM TWO SAUDI MINISTRIES (ELECTRICITY AND INDUSTRY AND PETROLEUM AND MINERALS) AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS IN DHAHRAN. ACCORDING TO THE ORGANIZERS, GHAZI AL-GOSAIBI, SAUDI MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY AND INDUSTRIES, HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPENING OF CONFERENCE WITH HIS BAHRAINI COUNTERPART, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIES SHIRAWI. IN ADDITION TO THESE SAUDI INSTITUTIONS, THE KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SEE KUWAIT 2498) AND THE OMAN PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT ARE LISTED AS "SUPPORTERS" OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. USIS MANAMA HAS REQUESTED A SPEAKER FOR THE SOLTECH CONFERENCE IN FY 78 COUNTRY PLAN. IN ADDITION, POST HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM PROPOSAL DESCRIBED REFTEL 4.

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5. BUREAUCRATIC NOTE: SINCE BOTH CONFERENCEU WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL INTEREST TO THE USG AND PRIVATE SECTOR FIRMS INVOLVED IN SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MESSAGES RECEIVE WIDEST POSSIBLE CIRCULATION IN INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS WITHIN EMBASSIES (IN PARTICULAR USIS AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS).
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